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SUBJ: CUBAN PERMREP'S LETTER ON NICARAGUA

REF: MANAGUA 941

1. CUBA HAS NOT MADE ANY RECENT SPEECH ON NICARAGUA IN UN.
CUBAN PERMREP TO UN REQUESTED FEB 25 UN SYG TO CIRCULATE
AS NOTE VERBALE TO ALL UN MISSIONS TEXT OF FOLLOWING LETTER
TO SYG. NOTE FROM SYG DATED FEB 27 AND ARRIVED AT MOST
MISSIONS ON OR ABOUT MAR 5. TEXT OF CUBAN LETTER FOLLOWS:

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TRANSLATED FROM SPANISH

PERMANENT MISSION OF CUBA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

NEW YORK, 25 FEBRUARY 1975

SIR, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO YOUR COMMUNICATION OF
30 JANUARY 1975, REFERENCE PO 220, UNDER COVER OF WHICH
YOU CIRCULATED A COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO YOU BY THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF NICARAGUA CONCERNING THE INCIDENTS
IN THAT COUNTRY AT THE END OF LAST YEAR AND LEVELLING
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AGAINST MY GOVERNMENT CHARGES WHICH ARE FALSE, MEANINGLESS

AND DEVOID OF THE SERIOUSNESS THAT SHOULD BE EXPECTED OF OFFICIAL NOTES CIRCULATED THROUGH THE SECRETARIAT TO THE MISSIONS OF MEMBER STATES.

ALTHOUGH THE NOTE IN QUESTION DOES NOT MEET THE MINIMUM STANDARD REQUIRED TO MERIT THE ATTENTION OF REPRESENTATIVES, I DEEM IT MY DUTY TO COMMENT ON IT FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING SOME POINTS WHICH THE NICARAGUAN DELEGATION HAS OBVIOUSLY SOUGHT TO CONFUSE.

FIRST OF ALL, IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT THE SANDINISTA COMMANDO WHICH CARRIED OUT THE ACTION OF 27 DECEMBER IN MANAGUA WAS LATER PROVIDED WITH TRANSPORT TO CUBA AND RECEIVED POLITICAL ASYLUM IN MY COUNTRY AS A RESULT OF MY GOVERNMENT'S HAVING AGREED TO THE REQUEST FOR SUCH ACTION MADE TO IT BY THE AMBASSADOR OF SPAIN TO NICARAGUA. THE SPANISH REQUEST MUST BE PRESUMED TO HAVE HAD THE APPROVAL OF THE RULING FAMILY IN NICARAGUA. THAT WAS THE SUM OF THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF CUBA'S INTERVENTION IN THESE EVENTS.

SECONDLY, THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF CUBA RESPECTS THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF OPINION OF PERSONS RECEIVING POLITICAL ASYLUM IN THE TERRITORY OF CUBA, AND HAS NO INTENTION OF RESTRICTING IT BECAUSE THAT IS NOT TO THE LIKING OF MR. SOMOZA.

I DO NOT THINK IT NECESSARY TO REFUTE THE REMARKS MADE AGAINST THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF CUBA AND ITS POLICIES IN THE NICARAGUAN LETTER, SINCE THEY COME FROM A REGIME WHICH IS TOTALLY LACKING IN MORAL AUTHORITY AND IT IS UNLIKELY THAT MANY PEOPLE WILL BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING ANY VIEWS ON POLITICAL MATTERS THAT MIGHT CONCEIVABLY EMANATE FROM THE OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENT IN MANAGUA. WHAT THE 40 YEARS OF SOMOZA TYRANNY HAS MEANT FOR THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE IS WELL KNOWN AND IS A PART OF LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY. NOR IS ANYONE UNAWARE OF THE SERVILE PARTICIPATION OF THAT REGIME AS AN INSTRUMENT OF UNITED STATES IMPERIALISM IN ITS AGGRESSIVE INTERVENTIONIST POLICIES AGAINST THE PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA. IT SUFFICES TO RECALL THE USE OF NICARAGUAN TERRITORY, AS A BASE FOR THE

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UNITED STATES CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, IN CONNEXION WITH THE MERCENARY ATTACK ON CUBA WHICH CULMINATED IN THE GLORIOUS VICTORY OF MY PEOPLE IN APRIL 1961 AT PLAYA GIRON.

I REQUEST YOU TO CIRCULATE THIS LETTER TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER STATES AS AN OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS DOCUMENT.

ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

(SIGNED) RICARDO ALARCON AMBASSADOR UNQTE
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